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-- The Catholic church in Argentina [redacted] has decided to soften--at least temporarily--its criticism of the government's human rights practices. *The church evidently fears that such criticism would play into the hands of hardliners in the military who might be seeking President Videla's ouster, and who might want to provoke a church-state conflict as part of an effort to weaken Videla's position. For now, the church intends to concentrate on personal behind-the-scenes lobbying for human rights improvements.*

-- Brazilian President Geisel issued renewed orders in late June to his army commanders prohibiting torture and other mistreatment of prisoners, according to a usually reliable source. *Implicit in these instructions is a warning that offenders would be punished. Geisel* [redacted] *has also ordered officials in Sao Paulo to bypass military intelligence channels and to send directly to him all raw reports on political, economic, and social problems. The President removed the army commander in Sao Paulo in February 1976 for condoning torture of prisoners.*

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